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SUBJECT: DUPONT CARIBBEAN, INC.

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1. DON PIERSON CALLED ON ME APRIL 30 ACCOMPANIED BY BONHOMME. HE SAID HIS CURRENT LAWYER, GERARD ROUZIER, WAS AWAITING THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO TAKE PIERSON' S CASE. PIERSON SAID HE HAD ALSO BEEN TRYING TO GET AN INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER CINEAS IN PREPARATION FOR AN INTERVIEW HE, PIERSON, WILL HAVE IN NEW YORK MAY 1 WITH RAY JOSEPH OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. ACCORDING TO PIERSON, RAY JOSEPH INTENDED TO WRITE AN ARTICLE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GOH HANDLING OF FOREIGN INVESTORS AND HE, PIERSON, HOPED TO MODERATE JOSEPH' S APPROACH. PIERSON TOLD ME CINEAS HAD TWICE DECLINED TO SEE HIM BECAUSE HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT TO DO SO. I SAID I WOULD TAKE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING WITH FON MIN RAYMOND LATER IN MORNING TO INFORM HIM OF PIERSON' S ACCOUNT OF HIS LEGAL REPRESENTATION DIFFICULTIES AND OF HIS DESIRE FOR A MEETING WITH CINEAS.

2. IN COURSE OF MEETING WITH RAYMOND I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PIERSON' S BEING ASSURED OF PROPER LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS IN HAITI. RAYMOND  
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AGREED. I ALSO INFORMED RAYMOND OF PIERSON' S IMPENDING INTERVIEW WITH RAY JOSEPH AND OF HIS DESIRE FOR A PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER CINEAS.

3. I LATER INFORMED PIERSON OF THE POINTS I HAD MADE WITH RAYMOND. PIERSON EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE.

4. COMMENT: RAYMOND KNOWS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF RAY JOSEPH'S VIEWS IN RE GOH. WE HAVE HEARD SINCE THIS MORNING FROM ROUZIER THAT MINISTER OF JUSTICE TODAY TOLD HIM NO REASON HE SHOULD NOT TAKE PIERSON CASE AND THAT HE, ROUZIER, IS WILLING TO DO SO. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ROUZIER HAS NOT SEEN PIERSON SINCE HIS TALK WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND THAT PIERSON IS LEAVING THIS AFTERNOON FOR HIS NEW YORK INTERVIEW WITH RAY JOSEPH.

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